

CTTAB
February 7, 2006 Minutes
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Present Leah Altaras Bill Baron Charles Brennick Maryann Budlong Paul Green Harry Hart, III Pwint Htun Andrea Lee Huat Chye Lim Jerry Lin Manny Ovena Ann Robinson Nina Sanders Shivani Tejuja Excused Todd Achilles	Absent Damien Koemans Visitors Deborah Gartside Staff Gary Gibson David Keyes Jill Novik Tony Perez
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1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The agenda was amended to reflect the deletion of the presentation on SeaStats. The revised agenda and January 10, 2006 minutes were approved.

2. ArtsZone: Gary Gibson

Gibson showed a promotional video describing the ArtsZone. He explained that the idea of providing more arts and cultural affairs programming on the SeattleChannel arose from citizen surveys that indicated that Seattleites want more local programs about arts, community events, and general cultural affairs. Arts coverage on local media has declined, and ArtsZone programming would respond to this need. ArtsZone is intended to celebrate and stimulate interest in local culture and, by premiering events before they are held, encourage more people to participate in events.

ArtsZone would be a partnership between the City, the SeattleChannel, Comcast, and over 400 local arts organizations. The arts organization would not be required to put up money, but would agree to have the SeattleChannel film rehearsals, interviews, or other interesting footage. In return, the SeattleChannel will give the arts organization a DVD which the organization would have for its own use. Comcast would provide funding for

10 years for staff to develop and market programming. Comcast will also provide on air advertising for the ArtsZone, but will have no editorial involvement in content.

The ArtsZone will occupy the block of time Thursday through Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. There will likely be a variety of formats, from short clips to full length performances. The schedule reflects approximately 7% of total air time on the channel.

3. SeaStats Project: Terry Wittman

Jill Novik presented Wittman's apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, as well as the following update:

The SeaStats staff has created a mapping application that shows 16 existing City services on a neighborhood based level. The services were chosen based on the large number of hits on seattle.gov, departmental inquiries and available geocoded data.

Testing has been on-going to find and fix "bugs." Improvements have been made, but there are still some data issues to be resolved. CTTAB is invited to check out the test site at <http://webqa1.seattle.gov/doi/seastats/main.htm> - available from 4:00-7:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Comments can be sent to Wittman at terry.wittman@seattle.gov.

Launch is anticipated in March.

4. Community Technology: David Keyes

Wi-Fi: Use is fairly consistent at this point. A bridge has been installed to get the signal deeper into the buildings.

Ann Robinson noted that the Black Data Processors' Association is hosting a computer building competition for high school students on February 24 at the Safeco Center at 23rd and Jackson.

Matching Fund: A community workshop is scheduled for February 27th at Yesler Community Center.

5. Committee Reports

E-Democracy – Huat Lim said that he had been contacted by an American graduate student in Denmark studying e-democracy and interested in CTTAB. He let her know that the committee did not have any action items at this time. He also said that the possible Council blogging is on hold for the time.

Broadband: Bill Baron reported that consultant DynamicCity presented preliminary economic analyses for City staff and concluded that fiber to the home was the best approach but most expensive. Perez said that the question is how much the City need to invest, how far the City's fiber needs to be to be attractive to a private partner(s) to develop the system to the home. Another question is what is the business model that works to provide wholesale access to ISPs? Greene noted that issues such as permitting are also relevant.

6. Cable Office Report: Tony Perez and Jill Novik

Comcast franchise: staff will brief the Mayor this week and will give the Mayor's recommendations to CTTAB once available. We will schedule a meeting with the franchise renewal committee before the March meeting.

Broadband project: As part of the Request for Interest, there may be a call to develop a pilot project. CTTAB might want to consider areas that would be conducive as a pilot.

Retreat: CTTAB expressed a preference for having the retreat and March meeting on the same day, schedules permitting.

7. Board Business: Hart inquired about the status of the Millennium franchise renewal and the reported buyout by Wave Broadband. Perez said that OCC would be working on a process and will report back to CTTAB.

Public comment at meetings: Harry and Ann will develop a policy for Board review.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.